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Dranesville Dispatch

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Dranesville District Supervisor

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Dear Dranesville Resident,

Welcome to the February 2013 issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. I hope your year is off to a great start.

On February 26, the Board of Supervisors will receive the County Executive's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Advertised Budget Plan. I will include a review of the Advertised Budget in the next issue of the Dranesville Dispatch. Once again, we expect big challenges. I seek your input as we work to set budget priorities and strive to balance the burden on taxpayers while funding the many essential programs and services provided by the County. My citizen budget task force, headed this year by Dranesville resident John Ulfelder, has been meeting since October. They will examine the proposed budget in great detail and submit a report that I will share with the Board. I will be hosting community budget meetings in McLean (March 12 at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center), Great Falls (April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library), and Herndon (April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Town Council Chambers). Public Hearings before the full Board are set for April 9, 10 and 11. I am also available to attend homeowner and community meetings to discuss your budget concerns and priorities. On April 30, after extensive community input, the Board will revise the Advertised Budget and adopt the FY2014 budget.

In other news, we are working on an agreement with the Virginia Department of Transportation that will allow Fairfax County to take over responsibility for removal of advertising and political signs in the public right-of-way. Signs will be removed by the Sheriff's Community Labor Force and fines for illegal posting of signs will be collected by and paid to Fairfax County. The Board is also considering changes to regulations for home childcare facilities. Details on these issues and their associated public hearing dates can be found in this issue.

Last month, we opened a new scenic pull-off and parking area on Georgetown Pike, across from Clemmyjontri Park. This pull-off makes 22 spaces of additional parking available for that very popular park. Residents may also notice that through trucks have been banned on Balls Hill Road and eastern Georgetown Pike. The ban was approved by the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board in December. Through trucks are now banned for the entirety of Georgetown Pike.

Fairfax County is also working on its Dulles Rail Bus Service Plan. That plan proposes Connector Bus routes and schedule changes to access the Phase I Silver Line Metro Stations. County staff has just concluded several public meetings to present proposals and collect public comments. If you have not already done so, please review the plans and let the County know what you think. Details on the proposed Dulles Rail Bus Service Plan are in this issue.

It is an honor to serve you. As always, I welcome your thoughts on how to best serve the Dranesville community. Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions and concerns.

Best Wishes,
John W. Foust
Dranesville District Supervisor

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Attention Homeowner Associations:

If you are interested in having Supervisor Foust attend your Homeowner Association or Civic Organization meeting, please contact the Supervisor's scheduler, Patricia Dinkelmeyer, at (703) 356-0551.

Please provide us with the latest contact information for your Association Officers so that we may keep you better informed of events in Dranesville that may impact you and your neighborhood.

Call (703) 356-0551 or email Julie Ide at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov with your latest information.

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Chief of Staff, Budget, Tax and Bond Issues, Senior Issues

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Parks, Athletic Fields, Stormwater, Road Maintenance, Buses,
Utility Issues, Sound Walls

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Land Use, Zoning, Capital Facilities, Dulles Rail,
Tysons Corner Development, Trail/Sidewalk Waivers, School Issues

Staff Changes at the Dranesville Office

You may notice a new face the next time you visit Supervisor Foust and the Dranesville District offices. Patti Dinkelmeyer is the new office manager and scheduler for Supervisor Foust. Patti is taking on the position formerly held by Dianne Peikin, who has retired from Fairfax County after 20 years of service. We will really miss Dianne and thank her for her great service to Dranesville residents. We are also very much looking forward to working with Patti.

We are also saying goodbye to Jennifer Boysko, aide to the Supervisor for issues involving the Town of Herndon, social services and education for the past five years. Jennifer's capable performance and positive attitude have been a great asset to the Dranesville office. Effective February 27, Herndon resident Jenny Phipps will replace Jennifer on the Supervisor's staff. In the interim, Jennifer's responsibilities have been distributed among other staff members. See page three of this newsletter for a list of current staff members and their responsibilities.

For questions about staff responsibilities please contact the Supervisor's Chief of Staff, Jane Edmondson, at 703-356-0551 or email Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Creates Tysons Service District

At its January 8 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a new service district to help generate revenue to fund a portion of the anticipated transportation and transit needs within Tysons over the next 40 years. The intent of the district is to have property owners within Tysons, which will benefit most from redevelopment, help pay for road and transit improvements that will be needed as Tysons grows.

As voted on by the Board, money generated by the district may only be used to make transportation improvements within the service district, and will be used for:

- Planning and constructing infrastructure and transit routes
- Buying rights-of-way to build, improve, and/or operate roads or other transportation infrastructure projects
- Equipping, operating, and maintaining transit services

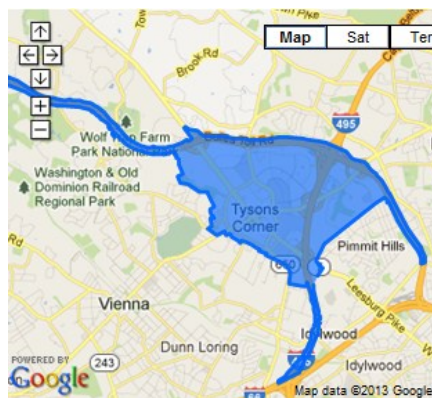
No Dranesville residents or businesses are included in the new district.

The service district is expected to generate about 8 percent of the more than \$3 billion needed for Tysons transportation projects over the next 40 years. The district takes effect immediately, and the rate will be set during the 2014 budget deliberations.

In a related action, the Board of Supervisors established an advisory board to provide input on the service district annual tax rate, transportation project priorities, and project implementation. The Advisory Board consist of 17 members, including two members who represent adjacent communities, one member who represents the Dranesville District and 14 members who own, or represent the owners of, real property within the Service District. Sally Horn, president of the McLean Citizens Association (MCA), was selected by Chairman Sharon Bulova as an adjacent community representative and Mark Zetts, co-chair of the MCA's Planning and Zoning Committee was selected by Supervisor John Foust to represent the Dranesville District.

To view a description and a detailed map of the approved district visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/board-creates-tysons-service-district.htm>

For more information please contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703)356-0551 or email Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Dominion Virginia Power Donates Property at Spring Hill Road and Lewinsville Road to Fairfax County

Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) has donated a parcel of land at the intersection of Lewinsville and Spring Hill Roads to Fairfax County. The land, located at one of the busiest intersections in McLean, was until 1992 the site of an electric station.

As long ago as 1993 and continuing for many years, elected officials and citizen groups have undertaken efforts to have DVP cede the property or provide a public easement to Fairfax County so that a pedestrian trail could be constructed. Because the property is located in the middle of the intersection, it creates an obstacle to adults and children wishing to access Spring Hill Recreation Center, Spring Hill Elementary School and trails on the east side of Spring Hill Road and north side of Lewinsville Road.

Recently there have been a number of new pedestrian trails built or planned on Spring Hill and Lewinsville Roads. A critical missing link is now under construction between Scotts Run Road and Windy Hill Road, and plans are progressing to break ground for another project this spring between Snow Meadow Lane and Elsinore Avenue.

As part of efforts to make McLean more pedestrian friendly, last year Supervisor Foust reopened discussions with DVP to transfer the land. As a result, DVP decided to deed the property to the County without compensation.

The Fairfax County Park Authority will build the trail as part of its project to construct a gymnasium at the Spring Hill Rec Center. Funding for the gymnasium project was approved last month by voters as part of the 2012 Park Authority bond.

For more information, please contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Supervisor Foust Hosting Free Tax Relief Workshops For Older Adults and People with Disabilities

Supervisor John Foust is hosting two free tax relief workshops in March at the Dranesville District office. Real estate tax relief is available for seniors and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications. For a detailed list of qualifications visit: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_faq.htm. Residents may also be eligible for car tax and rental grant relief.

Staff from the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) will assist residents with completing the tax relief application form and answer questions.

Dranesville District Tax Relief Workshop Dates:

Tuesday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 6

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

6649-A Old Dominion Drive

McLean

**(NOTE: The Dranesville District Office has been temporarily relocated to the
McLean Square (Balducci's) Shopping Center)**

To schedule an appointment please call Patricia Dinkelmeyer in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551.

If you cannot attend a workshop and would like information on tax relief please call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594) or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/taxrelief_home.htm.

New Langley Fork Scenic Pull-off and Parking Area Opens with Ribbon Cutting

On January 23, Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust and other community leaders braved temperatures in the low 20's to formally open the new Langley Fork scenic pull-off and parking area at a ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony was held at the scenic pull-off, located near the Langley Fork Park in McLean. The 22 new parking spaces will serve the popular Clemyjontri Park in McLean, located on the opposite side of Georgetown Pike from the pull-off.

McLean resident, John Adams, presented the history of the project. Beginning in the early 1970's, the Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Association began efforts to protect and preserve the historic integrity of the Pike. In 1999, Karen Washburn, on behalf of the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA), applied for and obtained a Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant for traffic calming features along the Georgetown Pike. In 2006, a portion of that money was set aside for the Langley Fork Scenic pull-off.

Among the featured speakers at the ceremony were Dranesville District appointee to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) Board, Kevin Fay, and Lauren Mollerup, Transportation & Land Use Director for VDOT's Northern District.

Supervisor Foust expressed appreciation to everyone who helped make the project a reality, with a special thanks going to Ellen Vogel, VDOT Northern Region Landscape Architect, for her determination in seeing the project through to completion. The Supervisor also thanked the Friends of Clemyjontri, an organization that raises funds for financial support for Clemyjontri Park above and beyond that provided by the FCPA.

Referring to the pedestrian safety of those who visit Clemyjontri Park, "Georgetown Pike is a very busy road," said Supervisor Foust in his prepared remarks. "Currently, there is a signed pedestrian crosswalk providing access to the Clemyjontri playground. I am very pleased that VDOT engineering is considering additional safety improvements to help pedestrians safely reach Clemyjontri from the new parking area."

As originally scoped, the project would install an historic marker and a small pull-off with 5 parking spaces. Because of the enormous popularity of Clemyjontri Park, which opened in 2006, Supervisor Foust and the FCPA requested that the parking area be enlarged to 22 spaces.

The project was funded through the 2006 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant of \$300,000 (administered by VDOT), with Fairfax County money providing required matching funds of \$75,000. In addition, FCPA paid \$75,000

for the clearing of the site and future landscaping.

After a number of starts and stops, construction of the project was completed in December of 2012.

An historic marker at the location of the scenic pull-off was temporarily removed for construction, and has now been re-installed at its original location. The marker describes the location of several nearby historic structures.

In 1813, Georgetown Pike was constructed to provide a direct connection from Fairfax County to Potomac River ports in Georgetown, making it one of the first paved roads in Virginia. In 1974, the Pike became Virginia's first Scenic By-Way and, in August of 2012, it was admitted into the National Register of Historic Places and to the Virginia Landmarks Register.

For more information please contact Jane Edmondson in Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by email at Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.



McLean resident, John Adams, provided a history of the project. He and other members of the Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Association began efforts to preserve the historical integrity of Georgetown Pike in the early 1970's.



Supervisor John Foust, Park Authority Board Member Kevin Fay, McLean resident, John Adams, VDOT Transportation, Land Use Director, Lauren Mollerup VDOT Landscape Architect, Ellen Vogel, and other community leaders cut the ribbon to commemorate the new Langley Fork Scenic Pull-Off and parking spaces. (Photo credit: Alex McVeigh, Connection Newspapers)

County Seeks Public Input on Proposed Dulles Rail Bus Service Plan

In early February, Fairfax County Department of Transportation conducted several public meetings to present and collect public input on proposed changes to Connector Bus Service to support the Phase I Silver Line Metro stations. The Dulles Rail Bus Service Plan was developed by FDOT to help residents in the area of the future stations access the Metro by bus, based on the recommendations of the County's 2009 Transit Development Plan. The Service Plan proposes circulator routes (internal to the Tysons-central area) and feeder routes needed to access Silver Line Metro stations slated to open next winter. Also recommended are realignment and/or replacement of some existing routes.

The services described in the plan are only proposals. **If you were unable to attend one of the meetings, it is not too late to have your opinions be known.** To review proposed route and/or schedule changes and make comments, please visit the project website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/dullesrail/> or email comments to FairfaxConnector@FairfaxCounty.gov.



For more information, please contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor John Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.



Board of Supervisors Considers Changes to Home Child Care Facilities in Fairfax County

On January 29, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized public hearings for a [Zoning Ordinance Amendment](#), which, if approved, would allow state-licensed home child care providers to care for up to twelve children with Special Permit approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The amendment could also reduce the current Special Permit application filing fee of \$1,100 to as low as \$435.

The public is invited to participate in two public hearings on the proposed changes:

- March 20, 2013 at 8:15 p.m.: [Planning Commission Public Hearing](#)
- May 14, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.: [Board of Supervisors Public Hearing](#)

Under current Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, home child care is permitted as an **accessory use** in any residence as follows:

- Care for up to seven children is permitted in a single family detached home; care for up to five children is permitted in a townhouse, apartment, or mobile home. (*Provider's own children are not included in the count.*)
- One non-resident assistant is permitted.
- Additional children up to a maximum of ten and/or additional non-resident assistants **may be allowed with Special Permit approval** from the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Additional requirements apply to home child care providers.

To speak before the [Planning Commission](#), sign up [online](#), or call 703-324-2865, TTY 711, before 3 p.m. on the day of the hearing. To speak before the Fairfax County Board, [fill out the register to speak form, accessible from the Board of Supervisors Page \(found under Meetings and Agendas\)](#) or call 703-324-3151, TTY 711, by 10 a.m. on the day of the hearing.

For questions or more information on these issues, contact:

- **"Contact With Local Zoning Administrator" forms** or proposed changes to zoning rules, contact the Fairfax County Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314, TTY 711.
- **Special Permit Applications** or scheduling a **pre-application meeting**, contact the Fairfax County Zoning Evaluation Division at 703-324-1290, TTY 711.
- **Other home child care rules and regulations**, contact the [Fairfax County Office for Children](#) at 703-324-7500, TTY 711.

Candidates Sought for McLean Community Center's
2013-2014 Governing Board
Nominating Petitions Will Be Available Tuesday, Feb. 19

The McLean Community Center (MCC) is seeking candidates to run for open seats on its **2013-2014 Governing Board**. The board provides oversight and guidance for MCC programs and facilities, which include the Robert Ames Alden Theatre and the Old Firehouse Teen Center. The center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

In order to become eligible to run for a seat on the 11-member board, a candidate must reside in the Center's tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville). Additionally, candidates are required to obtain the signatures of 10 McLean tax district residents in their respective categories (either adult or youth), to have their names placed on the ballot.

Nominating petition forms will be available at the Center's reception desk beginning at 9 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 19**. The deadline for filing completed petitions is 5 p.m. on **Friday, March 22**. Voting will be held during the annual **McLean Day** festival from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on **Saturday, May 18**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Absentee Voting also is permitted from **Monday, April 8, to Wednesday, May 15**.

Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. The three adult candidates who receive the three highest vote counts will serve three-year terms. Youth members will serve one-year terms. Adult candidates must be at least 18 years of age as of McLean Day. **Youth candidates must be 15-17 years of age** as of McLean Day. One youth member will be elected from the McLean High School boundary area and one will be elected from the Langley High School boundary area. Youth candidates are not required to attend either of the two schools, but they must reside in the boundary areas served by the schools as defined by Fairfax County Public Schools.

For more information on the MCC Governing Board Election, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/component/content/article/153-about-us/178.

The McLean Community Center, an agency of Fairfax County Government, is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all programs, services and activities. We will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations, call the Center seven working days in advance of the event.

To request this information in an alternate format, call 711.



Dranesville “Aging in Community” Update

“Aging in Community” is a national movement whereby communities are exploring ways for seniors to stay in their own homes, or “age in community” and more fully enjoy their senior years. Supervisor Foust and his staff continue to work with community groups in Great Falls, Herndon and McLean to explore concepts and ideas to better understand and meet the needs of seniors in the Dranesville district and facilitate “aging in place”. Here is an update on the ongoing Aging in Community efforts in Dranesville:

Great Falls:

The Great Falls Senior Center without Walls continues to provide social interaction for Great Falls seniors. Most recently, the Center was pleased to sponsor a February 5 event at Great Falls United Methodist Church with executive chef of the legendary L’Auberge Chez Francois of Great Falls and approximately 100 guests. Chef Haeringer’s presentation was entitled “Love Begins in the Kitchen” (for Valentines month) and included a demonstration of how to make chocolate truffles. The next scheduled event will be with independent financial advisor, Ric Edelman, on March 5 at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Great Falls.

Herndon

The Herndon Senior Center continues to provide robust and interesting programming for Seniors in the community. On March 10, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Center will hold an Afternoon Tea to honor Women in the Arts. Sponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon, The Herndon Fortnightly Club, and The Herndon Woman’s Club and hosted by members of the Herndon Woman’s Club. This year’s honoree is Grace Han Wolf, Past President, Council for the Arts of Herndon. For more information contact Nancy Farr with the Herndon Woman’s Club at (703) 810-1068.

McLean

Efforts continue in preparation for the scheduled March opening of the McLean Senior Source. Senior Source will provide McLean senior

s with phone referrals to County and non-County resources on a wide range of issues, including such topics as daily living assistance and transportation options. This pilot project was initiated by Supervisor Foust in coordination with a group of local community organizations and residents, including the McLean Chamber of Commerce, The McLean Community Center and George Mason University. On February 1, Fairfax County staff trained 46 attendees on key County services. Although no further general training sessions have been scheduled, current volunteers will receive more training as needed.



The recent February 1 training session for volunteers to staff the future McLean Senior Source help desk was a big success with 46 attendees.

The next meeting of the McLean Aging in Place Committee will be on February 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library. On the agenda is finalizing the name of the group and a discussion of the new structure of McLean Aging in Place, including composition of the new Coordinating Council. The Council will consist of representatives from senior-oriented McLean organizations and constituent groups, and will recommend solutions and new programs that respond to needs identified by the McLean Senior Source users and other community members. The Coordinating Council does not take the place of all of the great volunteers who will continue to turn ideas into reality.

For information on Dranesville Aging in Community activities, please contact Jane Edmondson in the office of Supervisor Foust at (703) 356-0556 or email Jane.Edmondson@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Herndon Named One of Forbes’ “Friendliest Towns in America”

Perhaps it was that nice lady at the Farmers’ Market who offered her place in the produce line to a harried mother. Perhaps it was the barkeep at O’Sullivan’s, who looks up and smiles in welcome to each customer coming through the door. Perhaps it was the swell of neighbors and friends who attend the annual Homecoming Parade, all working together to make this annual event such a success.

The Town of Herndon captured the attention of editors at Forbes.com, who ranked Herndon as #12 in its listing of “America’s Friendliest Towns.” In fact, friendly anecdotes aside, Forbes teamed with NextDoor.com, a San Francisco, CA-based social network for neighborhoods, to assess 500 small metro areas with populations between 5,500 and 150,000. Using data from the U.S. Census, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Chronicle of Philanthropy, and City-Data.com, Forbes ranked towns based on four data points: percentage of owner-occupied homes; crime rate; charitable giving; and the percentage of college graduates (research has found that college-educated people typically display more civic engagement, with higher rates of voting and volunteering). NextDoor then conducted qualitative surveys among its membership in the towns that rated the highest to help finalize the ranking of the top 15.

Herndon was cited specifically for its low unemployment rate, its community celebrations and its nature-themed festivals and initiatives.

“It’s wonderful that the world is finding out what those of us who live and work here already know – that people in Herndon are uniquely friendly, open and caring,” said Mayor Lisa Merkel. “I hope this ranking will inspire those who haven’t visited our town to come see us, join in our events, and patronize our businesses.”

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon range from high tech enterprises and major corporations to entrepreneurially-owned establishments. In addition to the Forbes.com ranking, Business Week Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation’s “Best Affordable Suburbs,” Money Magazine has ranked Herndon among its “Best Places for the Rich and Single,” and CNN-Money.com has named Herndon one of the “Best Places to Live in America.” Visit the town online at www.herndon-va.gov.



Through Truck Traffic Banned on Balls Hill Road and Eastern Georgetown Pike by Commonwealth Transportation Board



The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) voted at its December 5, 2012 meeting to ban through truck traffic from Balls Hill Road and Georgetown Pike, east of I-495 in McLean. Signs announcing the ban were in place by December 20. Prior to the vote, the CTB held a public comment period, conducted an engineering review and consulted the Virginia Trucking Association on the proposed truck ban.

Since an existing ban was already in place on through trucks west of I-495, this action makes the entirety of Georgetown Pike now free of through truck traffic.

Supervisor Foust initiated the process to implement these through truck traffic restrictions on behalf of residents on these roads, concerned about road safety and noise generated by the trucks. Following public hearings held on April 26, 2011, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to recommend banning truck traffic. The matter was then brought before the Commonwealth Transportation Board for its consideration.

For more information, contact Julie Ide in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or by email at Julie.Ide@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Board of Supervisors to Hold Public Hearing on Sign Removal in Public Right-of-Way

Residents have long been aggravated by the proliferation of advertising and political signs in the medians and along the roadsides in Fairfax County.

Acting at the direction of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in coordination with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, the Office of the County Attorney has drafted a proposed agreement between the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Commissioner of Highways. If approved by the County Board, the agreement will authorize the County to remove signs and advertising located within the limits of any VDOT-maintained road in Fairfax County and to collect penalties and costs from those who post signs in violation of Virginia Code. Penalties and removal costs will be paid to the County of Fairfax. If approved, those signs illegally posted in the right-of-way will be removed utilizing the Community Labor Force under the supervision of the County Office of the Sheriff.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider approval of this agreement:

Board Hearing details:
Tuesday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m.
Board Auditorium
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax

As written, the agreement makes an exemption for advertising of "special events".

For more information, please contact Donna Keefe in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Donna.Keefe@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Upcoming Land Use Cases in Dranesville

The following land use applications have recently been accepted by Fairfax County for review. The review process includes public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors:

TD Bank, N.A. (SE 2013-DR-001)

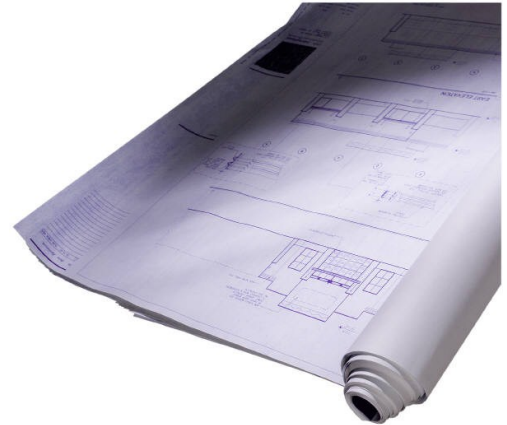
9901 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls

Proposed Special Exception to allow a drive-through, as part of an allowed bank use. The split-zoned parcel is zoned C6 and C8.

This parcel is the former Exxon Gas station. The applicant has been meeting with the Great Falls Citizens Association and adjacent property owners. Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to this application in the Dranesville Happenings.

Planning Commission hearing: June 13, 2013

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced



Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, LP (RZ/FDP 2013-DR-002, PCA-C-220)

1350 Beverly Road, McLean

Applicant proposes to add 253 multifamily units in four buildings, including 14,500 square feet of ground floor retail to the existing Ashby apartment community in the McLean Community Business Center. The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners. Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to this application in the Dranesville Happenings.

Planning Commission hearing: Date to be announced

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced

Elm Street Residential, LLP (RZ/FDP 2012-DR-019)

6862 Elm Street, McLean

Proposal to rezone parcel in the Community Business Center from C-3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use (PRM). Applicant proposes to develop an existing surface parking lot with a 240 multifamily mid-rise and a separate two story building with up to 8,720 square feet of retail. The existing office building would remain. The applicant has been meeting with the McLean Citizens Association, the McLean Planning Committee and adjacent property owners. Look for announcements of future community meetings relating to this application in the Dranesville Happenings.

Planning Commission hearing: Date to be announced

Board of Supervisors hearing: Date to be announced

For more information contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at

Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov or call 703-356-0551.

McLean Police Station and Governmental Center Construction Update

If you have recently driven by the Governmental Center on Balls Hill Road you have seen that the renovation and expansion work is well underway. Work crews are currently relocating the fueling station, installing a new water line and reconfiguring the secured police parking.

The renovation and expansion of the McLean Police Station was approved as part of the 2006 Public Safety Bond Referendum and is included in the 2012-2016 Adopted Capital Improvement Program. The project includes expanding the building from 21,000 square feet to 39,000 square feet, to accommodate police needs for approximately the next 20 years. An additional community room will be created as well as additional public parking.

The Government Center, constructed in 1970, underwent its last renovation and expansion in 1980.

Construction is scheduled to be complete by fall of 2014. The police will continue to use the Governmental Center through-out the construction. The Supervisor's office has temporarily been relocated to the McLean Square Shopping Center, located at 6649-A Old Dominion Drive.

For more information please contact Ben Wiles in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Benjamin.Wiles@FairfaxCounty.gov.

*Architectural Rendering
by Moseley Architects*



Riverbend Park Master Plan Meeting

On January 24, at the Great Falls Grange, the Fairfax County Park Authority conducted its second public meeting to discuss revisions to Riverbend Park's Master Plan. Riverbend is designated as a resource based park and encompasses over 400 acres of forest, meadow and river front along the Potomac River in Great Falls.

During the meeting the Park Authority presented a conceptual development plan for the site which included expansions to the Nature and Visitor Centers, increase of educational and recreational opportunities, and improvements for managing traffic and parking. After the presentation the audience was invited to offer comments on the plan and other suggestions for park usage.

A history of the park, maps and copies of the original and draft revised Master Plan may be found on the Park Authority's web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/riverbend.htm>. Citizens are invited to share their views on the plans for the park by emailing parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Comments will be accepted until February 25, 2013.

For additional information please contact Cheryl Patten in the office of Supervisor Foust at 703-356-0551 or email Cheryl.Patten@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Dranesville Photo Gallery

Shoes and Gift Cards for the Holidays Presented to Children in Need at Hutchison Elementary School in Herndon



On December 20, Supervisor John Foust delivered community-donated gift cards and shoes to Hutchison Elementary, for distribution to needy families. Present were Mr. Marty Smith and Ms. Anita Taylor representing Fairfax County Public Schools Cluster 1; Mrs. Judy Baldwin, Mr. Ross Baker, and Ms. Rochelle Proctor from the Hutchison Administration; Ms. Jennifer Boysko, Aide to Mr. Foust; Ms. Signe Freidrichs and Ms. Grace Wolf from Herndon Council for the Arts; and select students from the school were all on hand to accept and witness the generous donation.

(Photo Credit: Georgette Nuss)

Supervisor Foust Celebrates Chinese New Year 2013 with Representatives from the Asian Community Service Center



Angela Lee and Tiny Tang from the Asian Community Center with Supervisor John Foust, celebrating Chinese New Year 2013 at Luther Jackson Middle School on January 26.

Supervisor Joins Volunteers to Raise Funds for Community at Jewish Federation's "Super Sunday"



Supervisor Foust and more than 500 volunteers in the District, Maryland and Virginia helped score a big win for vital community programs and services at the Jewish Federation's 2013 Super Sunday.
(Photo by David Massarik)

Recognitions

Herndon High School Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team Wins State Championship

Congratulations to the Herndon High School Co-Ed Varsity Cheer Team for winning the top spot at the Virginia High School League State Cheer Championships held at Virginia Commonwealth University on November 10. This is the first state championship for the team. Over the past two years, the team has won three Concorde District titles and placed second and third at the state championships.

The team, their Coach Jenny Goff and other school officials were recognized for this outstanding achievement by Supervisor Foust and his colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at their February 12 meeting.



Members of the Herndon High School Co-Ed Cheer Team received a certificate of recognition from Supervisor Foust and the Board of Supervisors on February 12. Also in attendance were Coach Jenny Goff, Herndon High School Director of Student Activities, Jonathan Frohm, and Assistant Director of Student Activities, Greg Miller.

Announcements

Board Approves Special Fairfax County License Plate Design

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted at its January 29 meeting to approve the design for a County license plate, featuring the County seal, County map and the website addresses for the government and Visit Fairfax. Before the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles can proceed with plate production, it needs 350 commitments from the community. The license plates can be [pre-ordered now](#) at a cost of \$25 a year. By state law, \$10 is retained by the state and the other \$15 goes back to the license plate sponsor after 1,000 plates are ordered.

The Board of Supervisors voted to direct the initial proceeds toward the [2015 World Police and Fire Games](#), to be held in Fairfax County. The World Police and Fire Games are an international sporting event offering thousands of police officers, firefighters, customs and correction officers from around the world an opportunity to showcase their athletic excellence in over 65 sporting events. These games are the second largest sporting event in the world after the Summer Olympics.

Forms to pre-order a Fairfax County license plate are available at the Dranesville District office, 6649-A Old Dominion Drive, McLean.

For more information or to reserve a plate please visit <http://www.fxva.com/plates/>.



NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK 2013

Your Information Destination • March 3-9

Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Celebrates 15th Annual National Consumer Protection Week

March 3 through March 9, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) along with government agencies, advocacy organizations and private sector groups nationwide. Here in Fairfax, Consumer Affairs will be hosting events and workshops with industry experts, setting up information booths, and partnering with state and federal agencies to showcase consumer information. Susan Jones, Branch Chief, stated, "Throughout the year, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs answers advice inquiries, assists consumers with pre-purchase information, and provides community outreach presentations. National Consumer Protection Week gives us the opportunity to share resources and educate consumers. Our goal is that consumers become well informed of their consumer rights and know where to turn when assistance is needed."

Schedule of Events

Unclaimed Property Search - Virginia Department of Treasury, (All events are from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

The [Virginia Department of the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division](#) may be holding your un-cashed paychecks, lost stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, insurance claims and more. Stop by to meet with representatives from the VA Department of Treasury to see if any money is owed to you. Last year, over \$30,000 was returned to consumers during NCPW.

Monday, March 4: South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Tuesday, March 5: Fairfax County Government Center, North Atrium, Fairfax.

Wednesday, March 6: Greenspring Village, 7400 Spring Village Drive, Springfield.

Thursday, March 7: Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly.

Friday, March 8: South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Saturday, March 2: Identity Theft – How to Minimize Your Risk

George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. [Register online](#) or call 703-256-3800.

Monday, March 4: Buying a New TV

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, Conference Rooms 9/10, from 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Monday, March 4: Energy Saving Tips for Consumers

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, Conference Rooms 9/10, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5: Fair Housing – Fostering an Inclusive Community

County Government Center, Conference Room 9/10 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm.

Tuesday, March 5: Be an Informed Consumer

West Springfield District Police Station, 6140 Rolling Road in Springfield from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration is not required. Call 703-222-8435, if you have questions about this event.

Wednesday, March 6: What You Need To Know Before You Hire A Contractor

11 a.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center at 6507 Columbia Pike, in Annandale, Virginia. Directions to the meeting can be found at www.narfe.org/chapter1159. Registration is not required.

Thursday, March 7: Couponing Workshop with Laura Harders of BeltwayBargainMom.com

1:30-2:30 p.m. in conference room 9/10 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/ncpw-2013.htm for more information. To register for an event please visit <http://ncpw.eventbrite.gov>, email consumer@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-222-8435 TTY 711.

Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call Andrea Khoury, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs, 703-222-8435 TTY 711.

One Stop for DMV and County Services at Government Center Throughout 2013

DMV 2 Go is a fleet of five mobile customer service centers that brings Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) services to Virginians at convenient locations, including:

- Businesses
- University and college campuses
- Assisted living facilities and retirement communities
- Military bases
- Government centers
- DMV Selects



The handicapped-accessible full service office-on-wheels is equipped to process all DMV transactions including:

- Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts.
- Apply for or renew your ID card - available for adults and children.
- Apply for or renew your driver's license - take road and knowledge tests; get your picture taken. Reinstate driving privileges.
- Get a copy of your driving record.
- Obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts.
- Order disabled parking placards or plates.
- Update DMV records, as well as your voter registration record, with address change, etc.
- Request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to set up a myDMV account.

This year the [DMV 2 Go](#) customer service van is scheduled to be at the [Fairfax County Government Center](#) every month in 2013. The Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

DMV 2 Go will be parked near the front of the Government Center building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

February 15	May 30	September 30
February 28	June 27	October 31
March 29	July 31	November 25
April 30	August 29	December 19

For additional **DMV 2 GO** locations, view the location calendar at [View DMV2Go Calendar](#) or [View 2013 Schedule by Jurisdiction](#).

Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District 2013 Native Seedling Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District 2013 Native Seedling Sale is underway, making low-cost native shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Seedling packages go on sale each year in January and are available for pick-up in mid-April. Trees and shrubs help cleanse water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, cool our climate and clean our air.

Many of us have lost trees or shrubs in windstorms, heavy rains and snows. This year's seedling sale will help you restore beauty to your landscape. It offers a mix of sturdy trees that can withstand heavy storms, plants that provide screening and tolerate a range of conditions and some of our region's most beautiful native trees and shrubs.

The 2013 [Shrub and Small Tree Package](#) features 10 seedlings for \$15.95. The [Tree Package](#) includes 6 seedlings sold for \$10.95. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by Monday, April 22, 2013, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site (in Fairfax County). Orders may be picked up on Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or Saturday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Order Now by completing the [2013 Order Form](#). The first 200 Orders will also Receive a Pollinator Garden Seed Packet. Deadline for ordering is Monday, April 22, 2013.

For more information about the seedling species including pictures at maturity please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>.

For more information about the Native Seedling Sale, contact Nick Kokales by phone at (703) 324-1420, TTY 711 or email Nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov.



Save the Date! **2013 Springfest Fairfax** Saturday, April 27 at the Workhouse Arts Center

Springfest Fairfax celebrates Arbor Day with lots of family-friendly activities.

Event details:

Saturday, April 27th 2013
The Workhouse Arts Center
9601 Ox Road
Lorton
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Featuring FREE Family Activities:

Artisan Demonstrations • Games • Puppet Show • Entertainment • Urban Forestry Workshops •
Tree Planting • Kids Events • Wildlife Shows • Art Center Tours • Climbing Wall • Petting Zoo • Pony Rides
Farmers Market, And Much, Much More!

Spring fest Fairfax is a presentation of Clean Fairfax, Fairfax County, and The Workhouse Arts Center.

For more information, call (703) 324-5471 or email cfc@cleanfairfax.org. [Exhibitor](#) and [Vendor](#) applications are due by February 15.

County Partners with FastTran, Grocery Stores & Nonprofits to “Stuff the Bus”

We need your help. Many people continue to go hungry in our community. For many local, nonprofit food pantries, this time of year is one of the lowest points for donations. To help address this need, Fairfax County is promoting **"Stuff the Bus: Feeding Fairfax Families,"** at 10 locations from Jan. 21 to Feb. 18. This collaborative program, in its third year, is a partnership among Fairfax County Government, local grocery stores and nonprofits to restock the shelves.

Each week a Fastran bus will be parked at a different location to collect food donations. The campaign kicked off January 21, the Martin Luther King Day of Service, and runs each weekend until President's Day, February 18.

All donation hours are from **9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Dranesville area drop-off locations are:

February 16
McLean Giant
1454 Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22101
Benefiting Share, Inc.

February 18
Fox Mill Giant
2551 John Milton Drive
Herndon, VA 20171
(Benefitting Helping Hungry Kids)

In the 2012 food drive, more than 25,000 lbs. of food were collected for local pantries, all benefiting local nonprofits that help feed needy families in the Fairfax community.

"Stuff the Bus is an important component in restocking pantries after the holidays," noted Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova. "The need for healthy food is ever growing and the interest for Fairfax County residents to help is there, so we are happily providing the bridge to bring them together."

This program was initiated by Fairfax County and MV Transportation to combat a drop of food donations after the holidays and to address the rise in food security issues across the county:

In 2010, 1 out of 5 county students reported going hungry at least some of the time in the past 30 days. Since 2008, the number of food stamp participants in Fairfax County increased more than 115 percent, which equals more than 4.5 percent of the population accessing the food stamp program.

"Food pantries address a critical need which is especially acute after the holidays, the **Stuff the Bus** campaign helps us help our community. Its importance to helping stock the shelves can't be overstated," said Roxanne Rice, executive director, Food for Others.

For more information and additional drop-off locations visit the **Stuff the Bus** website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/stuff-the-bus-2013.htm>.

